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NSE: First step towards NSI completed

By Stephanie Bemrose

THE BOMBARDIER

Members from the four 2d Bomb Wing groups completed a nuclear surety exercise today.

The NSE began Wednesday and was prepared by the 2d Wing Plans and Programs office with representatives from each involved unit.

Chief Master Sgt. James Wood, 2d Bomb Wing weapons manager, said three NSEs are scheduled to prepare for the upcoming inspection in October.

A nuclear surety staff assistance visit from ACC in late June and the other two NSEs in July and late September will help prepare the wing for the NSI, which will be conducted by Air Combat Command.

Second Lt. Brian Ehrhart, 2d MUNS strategic munitions accountable systems officer, said this exercise tests the readiness of the 2d BW for the upcoming NSI.

Chief Wood said this is the first NSE in recent history for the 2d BW

The chief said the exercise evaluates a unit's management of nuclear resources against approved safety, security, and reliability standards.

"We hope to fine-tune our processes and procedures," the chief explained. "We need a good, hard look at our equipment and technical operations."

Lieutenant Ehrhart, said the objective for this exercise is to receive a good honest look from the exercise evaluation team

"We hope to strengthen our strong points and improve our weak points and as a result become better prepared to support Barksdale's No. 1 mission," the lieutenant explained.

"A lot of people put a lot of hard work to prepare for this NSE: load crews are performing practice loads weekly, air crews are testing and have briefings on their procedures, 2d MUNS is having other activities weekly to prepare and the 2d MDG is reviewing their procedures and medical records of the wing," the chief concluded.



Senior Airman Trina Jeanjacques/2d CS

Senior Airman Adonay Casillas and Airman 1st Class Whitney Stokes, both from the 2d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron's 11th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, inspect the connectors and stop switches on a MHU-196 strategic weapons loading trailer used to load bombs onto aircraft Tuesday afternoon. The Airmen were checking these devices one last time before the nuclear surety exercise began Wednesday.

Weekend Weather



Today
Mostly cloudy,
isolated t-storms
Hi: 85

Low: 66



Mostly sunny

Hi: 84 Low: 66



Sunday Mostly sunny

Hi: 88 Low: 64

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Changes soon ahead for Barksdale Family Support Center

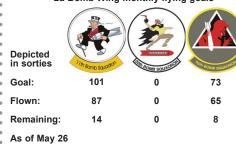
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2d Bomb Wing monthly flying goals



Welcome Col. and Mrs. Westhauser, 2d OG/CC Farewell Col. and Mrs. Gillis

Season of change for 2d BW

By Col. Daniel Charchian

2D BOMB WING COMMANDER

School has ended, and Memorial Day has come and gone. Both those events signal the beginning of summer and the invariable change that comes to an Air Force base during that time period.

People will PCS in and out of the 2d Bomb Wing, and the Mighty Deuce will say goodbye to departing commanders and welcome new ones. Today, the Mighty Deuce will bid farewell to Col. Rod Gillis, departing 2d Operations Group Commander and welcome Col. Todd Westhauser as the new commander.

For Colonel Gillis, today marks the culmination of a great command tour. During his tenure as the 2d OG commander, Colonel Gillis' tremendous leadership has led the operations group to new levels of excellence. He deployed twice as an air expeditionary group commander to two different forward operating locations; once supporting a Pacific Command presence mission, the second time in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Colonel Gillis also led the charge to revolutionize how the 11th Bomb Squadron, the B-52 formal training unit, and 2d OG train our new B-52 crew members.

Day in and day out, Colonel Gillis' leadership could be felt and seen across the wing and it should be no surprise that the Air Force recognized his talents by making him the vice commander for the 71st Flying Training Wing at

Vance Air Force Base, Okla.

With Colonel Gillis' departure, the 2d BW welcomes Col. Westhauser and his family.

Colonel Westhauser has a diverse operational background and will be a great addition to the Mighty Deuce. A 1986 graduate of the Air Force Academy, Colonel Westhauser has more than 3,100 flying hours in the B-52 and B-1. He is a graduate of the Air Force Weapons School as well as the Air Force's School of Advanced Airpower Studies. He has served as a squadron operations officer and commanded the 37th Bomb Squadron from June 2001 to June 2003.

A 2004 graduate from the National War College, Colonel Westhauser spent his last two years on the Joint Staff serving in the J-8, chief of force management branch. There are many challenges facing the 2 BW in the next 2 years, and there is no doubt that Colonel Westhauser is the right commander at the right time to lead the 2d OG and the 2d BW to success.

So on this second day of June, the men and women of the 2d BW bid farewell to Colonel Gillis and his family and would like to thank them for all they have done. We wish them the very best as they start this new and exciting chapter in their lives.

To Colonel and Mrs. Westhauser and their two boys, the Mighty Deuce would like to say welcome aboard and wish you the very best as you start your command tour and work to keep the mighty deuce second to none!

ATSO Question of the Week Q.

What type of report would you use to communicate ground enemy attack information up the chain of command?

A The answer can be described through the acronym, "Salute" – Size, activity, location, unit, time, equipment (Ref AFMAN 10-100 pg. 95)

Action Line: Turn signal use on base

Query: There is a big problem on base with regards to the use of turn signals. While most drivers already know that it is illegal to change lanes or make a turn without using their turn signals, it appears that few people abide by this law. Every day while driving on base, I witness drivers changing lanes and making turns without using their turn signals to include government vehicles and Security Forces vehicles (that are clearly not responding to an emergency situation) commit the same offense. While we are trying to do everything possible to make life safer for folks on and off the base, is anything being done to remind people that this is not an option, but rather a requirement?

Response: Thank you for your inquiry into the use of turn signals. You are correct; the law mandates the use of turn signals prior to making a turn or changing lanes. Specifically, Louisiana Revised Statutes, Section 32:104, requires vehicle operators to utilize turn signals prior to making a turn, changing lanes or entering traffic from a parked position. It is incumbent upon all vehicle operators to know, understand, and follow all traffic laws to ensure the safety of all drivers. Police Services patrolmen enforce traffic laws, but because of the many tasks and duties required of a patrolman each shift, it is difficult to issue citations for all traffic violations. Again, thank you for your inquiry. If you have any further questions, please contact the Police Services staff at 456-4407.

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Individuals are encouraged to go that route first. If the problem is still unresolved, call the Action Line and the



Col. Daniel Charchian 2d Bomb Wing Commander

appropriate base agency will address the problem. Positive feedback about Barksdale is also encouraged. Please leave a name and phone number when calling the Action Line as more information may be needed.

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Attitude Check it at the door for best work environment

By Maj. Dave Ruth

2D MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS SQUADRON COMMANDER

As I walk around the base, going to various meetings, I have the privilege of observing many different people from all avenues of work. The one thing that stands out the most, or readily apparent, is the attitude of the people here.

I see a lot of people displaying positive attitudes, and regrettably, some with bad. It is amazing how highly visible a simple thing like attitude is to people observing you. The first impression that one will form is primarily based on your attitude.

Webster defines attitude as "a settled way of thinking or feeling." It can also mean "a complex mental orientation involving beliefs and feelings and values and disposition to act in certain ways."

Case in point: when you go into a store to purchase a product, who would you rather have greeting you? Someone who is smiling, ready to answer your questions in a polite and positive way, or someone who avoids eye contact, speaks in an inaudible tone and obviously doesn't care if you buy their product, or not? Chances are good that you chose the person with the positive attitude. Attitude permeates the type of person you are at work, home, and in the

community

When you come in to work at the beginning of your shift, do you look forward to meeting your fellow Airmen and co-workers? Do you come in to work with a positive attitude? Are they happy to see you? Those are all indicators to your personal attitude.

Believe it or not, that attitude sets the tone of the entire work center. It doesn't matter if you work on the flightline, in the military personnel flight or in the base exchange. It sets the foundation of your unit's or organization's health.

The people with the bad attitude are easy to identify. They are the ones who don't care about their job or performance, and would obviously rather be somewhere else. If their attitude goes unchecked, it will affect others in your organization in a negative way.

On the other hand, people you meet that have a positive attitude make the mission happen. Their positive attitude will be infectious and will show in the organizations ability to accomplish its mission.

The same applies while you are at home, away from the work center. A negative attitude will isolate you from your family and friends. A positive attitude will harvest itself and continue to grow. It will make a family more resilient to any change that comes

down the road. It will help with overcoming personal tragedies that are out of your control.

Barksdale recently had its annual air show and open house. We hosted 135,000 of our community members on the installation to witness America's awesome aviation skills and military capabilities. It was a huge success. Your positive attitude while hosting the event contributed to this success.

A positive attitude sent the message to our citizens that we are a highly capable and dedicated group of professionals defending our great country. Our attitude showed the public that we have the technical expertise, and more importantly, the strength of character to keep them safe from our enemies.

Finally, everyone has an occasional bad day or event that happens to them. It is how you meet those challenges that define your character. A positive attitude will aid you in dealing with any situation that comes your way. Do you want to be known as the person with a negative attitude that no one wants to be around? Or, someone who has a positive outlook that people enjoy to be around?

The choice is up to you. I hope you make the right choice. As always, continue doing the great things that make our Air Force the best in the world, and have a safe and fun summer. June 2, 2006 The Bombardier



2d Lt. Frank Hartnett/The Bombardier

Ms. Reyes has seen a lot in

"Over the years there has been

a stronger emphasis on readi-

ness, it covers a lot of things like

finances, job searching, relocat-

ing, and being ready for the next

changes more than the families

Scott Hale, had praise for the

saver for my kids, they've been

able to keep in touch with

place where she can pay bills

families and provide resources

they need for military life," Ms.

Reves said. "We do a lot for our

first term Airmen, military fam-

ilies and also the local retirees.

You can say that we take care of

Airmen from the beginning to

friends through the internet."

and contact relatives.

Nobody understands these

Pamela Hale, wife of Lt. Col.

"It's great, this has been a life

For Mrs. Hale, the FSC is a

"It feels great to help military

her 10 years at Barksdale.

deployment or TDY.

Tamara Price, community readiness technician, left, helps Master Sgt. Richard Perkins, 2d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron career adviser, with his resume at the Family Support Center. The FSC will be renamed the Airman and Family Readiness Flight in June.

FSC name changes

By 2D LT. FRANK HARTNETT THE BOMBARDIER

The Family Support Center is changing its name.

The office will now be known as the Airman and Family Readiness Flight. The change was made last week and will be phased in over the next 30 days.

"It's about the total force, active duty, reserve, married or single; we are here for the total force," said Stephanie Reyes, community readiness consultant at the FSC.

Air Force officials directed the name change to show that the FSC supported all Airmen not just married or single-parent families.

"There was a misconception the FSC is only for families," said Tech. Sgt. Steven Phillips, family readiness NCO. "The (FSC) is for everybody."

Many of the programs at the FSC are useful to both single Airmen and families.

Finance seminars, resume workshops, and newcomer briefings are just a few examples of the programs that are most useful to the entire Barksdale community.

Airmen making the transition from on-base living to off-base apartments can find a program just for them at the FSC.

The moving off-base seminar is a must for Airmen making the move. The seminar covers how to prepare for apartment living, roommate selection, budgeting, and reducing debt. In fact, Airmen who participate in this seminar get a free personal budget assessment.

All of these programs are essential as the Air Force community moves towards a more expeditionary mindset.

"The Air Force has been changing as a whole – we are more globally involved," said Sergeant Phillips.

2d MXS member wins \$9,000 for maintenance suggestion

STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

An award of \$9,000 was recently given to a technical sergeant from the 2d Maintenance Squadron for his suggestion.

Through the Air Force Innovative Development through Employee Awareness program, Tech. Sgt. John Biery, 2d MXS, received recognition for a maintenance problem on F-16s.

Jon Hutchins, 2d Mission Support Squadron IDEA program manager, said he believes an award of \$9,000 is well-deserved because of the first year savings for this improvement of \$60,000.

Sergeant Biery's idea was for the field-level repair of misaligned holes on F-16 aircraft horizontal stabilizers leading edges by changing a repair procedure for the edges on the fighter. They have discrepant mating attachment hole alignment problems with the horizontal stabilizer box assembly that cannot be resolved in every case unless this repair is accomplished.

Sergeant Biery realized this was a problem back in 1999 while he was deployed to Aviano Air Base, Italy, during Allied Force.

"We went through the F-16 Horizontal Leading Edges on a daily basis which piqued my interest in how much they cost and looked for a way to prevent them from being condemned," the sergeant explained.

Sergeant Biery said he originally sent the idea for the repair to the engineers in 2002 while assigned to the 388th Maintenance Squadron at Hill Air Force Base, Utah.



Sergeant Biery

"The unit had a continuous problem with supply not being able to get enough of these leading edges in a timely manner," the sergeant explained. "This was impacting flying hours and mission readiness. Simply put, we could not get enough of the stabilizer leading edges to us as fast as we were going through them, due to alignment issues when they were installed. When the leading edge was checked for proper alignment, some of them would not line up properly and there was no fix to this problem.'

"I came up with a way to allow for alignment of the leading edge, I had some doubts whether the engineers would be interested due to this being a critical control surface with very strict repair instructions," the sergeant added. "Once I had my idea formulated I forwarded the instructions and pictures to engineering and they also started using them at the depot at Hill AFB."

Sergeant Biery said he decided to turn in his idea once the depot successfully used the repair several times. It was also

suggested to Sergeant Biery to add his suggestion to the technical order so it could be accomplished at the field level.

Sergeant Biery said the depot didn't repair this item when he originally sent his idea to the engineers in 2002 because they were doing a 50 to 70 percent condemnation of horizontal leading edges during the depot overhaul.

Therefore, per AFI 38-401, paragraph 5.7, "awards will be 15 percent of estimated first-year savings," Sergeant Biery was awarded \$9,000 rather than the \$200 he expected to receive.

"I was confident when I submitted the AFTO 22 in 2005 it would go through and I thought I would get the \$200 you usually get when an AFTO 22 is approved," Sergeant Biery said. "I thought maybe I'd get a couple hundred bucks back on this one but after I got with the engineer and found out how much money I was saving the Air Force I was shocked."

Sergeant Biery said he plans to spend the money wisely, investing most of it and using some of it to fix a few things around his house.

Anyone with access to a military computer may submit an IDEA on the IPDS Web site, but only active-duty military and appropriated fund employees are eligible for cash awards. Also, an IDEA must be a person's own thought and must be beneficial to the U.S. government.

IDEAs can earn 15 percent of the estimated first-year savings with a minimum award of \$200 and a maximum award of \$10,000.

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h AEG: Barksdale bringing the fig

By 2D Lt. Frank Hartnett

THE BOMBARDIER

Airmen from Barksdale recently received the Air Force Meritorious Unit Award for their work while serving in the Expeditionary Group.

The 40th AEG supported combat operations for Central Command by providing airpower for coalition forces. B-52 crews flew long sorties from their forward operating location into Afghanistan.

The 96th Expeditionary Bomb-

er Squadron provided the Airmen and aircraft that accomplished the mission.

"We flew 225 combat sorties totaling over 3,700 combat hours with a 100 percent combat-mission launch," said Lt. Col. Steve Matson, 96th Expeditionary Bomber Squadron commander. "We dropped 120,000 lbs. of JDAMs on targets in Afghanistan with a 100 percent target destruction rate.'

Dropping ordnance wasn't the only way Airmen helped troops. "We executed 142 show of force

Members from the 40th AEG work to unload weapons while they were deployed to the forward operating location. Members of the 40th AEG recently received the Air Force Meritorious Unit Award for their service while serving in the deployed unit.

missions in support of ground forces," said Colonel Matson.

Global airpower requires proper planning. Members from the 2d Operations Support Squadron filled the ranks of the 40th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron.

"The squadron set the pace of combat operations for the 40th said Lt. Col. Charles Patnaude, 2d OSS commander and 40th EOSS commander.

The squadron was in charge of planning the combat missions for the group. Careful planning goes into each sortie since there are many variables that need to be taken into account.

Diplomatic airspace clearances, weather forecasts, mid-air refueling and target information are just a few of the bits of the information that 40 EOSS processed in order to get jets in the air.

"The maintainers did a fantastic job in providing us aircraft," said Colonel Patnaude.

The routine 17-hour sorties flown by B-52 crews created a large workload for maintenance crews. Safety inspections and repairs take time. The maintenance squadron also set up a new multimillion dollar maintenance hangar.

The hangar allowed crews to perform high-level repairs without the need to send the aircraft stateside. All these efforts led to a bomber fleet that was mission capable and ready to fight.

The munitions squadron also played a major role for mission readiness.

Munitions Airmen were not fazed by mechanical failures. They were able to identify a bad lot of bomb fuses. If left unchecked it would have made the munitions inoperable. Quick reaction and hard work brought the bombs back to fully mission capable status in less than 12 hours.

Airmen and deployed members were taken care of by hard working services personnel.

40th Expeditionary Services help oversee more than 260,000 meals served and also processed 25 tons of mail.

Logistics Readiness kept the airfield running smoothly. Over 5,500

Airmen were shuttled to and from their aircraft and they also moved 228 tons of baggage. Crews pumped more than 22 million gallons of jet fuel during the deployment in support of air operations.

The efforts of the aircrews and support members were critical in supporting the on-going efforts to build a democracy in Afghanistan.

"We are still a nation at war," said Lt. Col. Ronald L. Funk, deputy group commander for the 40th AEG.

"Regardless of whether it's Afghanistan, Iraq or in other locations throughout the world, there are members of the 2d Bomb Wing, and the U.S. military as a whole, in harms way securing the freedoms others have previously fought and died for."



Tips for safe boating

2D BOMB WING SAFETY OFFICE

Here are some tips to ensure safety on the water while enjoying boating activities.

Wear a life jacket or other approved personal floatation device. PFDs are required by law for each person on board.

Remember, "It won't work - if you don't wear it." Boating and booze don't

mix. Alcohol impairs your ability to make good quick decisions, which are critical when operating a fast and maneuverable wa-

Know the craft. Study the manufacture's manual and practice handling of your craft under experienced supervision and in open water well away from other boaters.

a boating safety Take course.

Look out. Ride defensively. Collisions with other boats or stationary objects like rafts or docks are the number one cause of personal watercraft injuries.

Watch the weather. Check the weather forecast before starting out. Be alert for the wave, wind, cloud changes that signal bad weather approaching. Be prepared for cold weath-

er. Cold water robs body heat 25 times faster than air of the same temperature. If anyone falls off the craft into cold water, immediately re-board.

Know the area. Do not assume the water is clear of obstructions. Obstacles can seriously damage the craft or those on board. Check marine charts and stay in marked channels.

Carry safety equipment. Besides PFDs, a sound-signaling device, a tow rope, and when operating on a large body of water, carry some small Type B flares in a watertight container.

Don't ride at night. Most personal watercraft are not equipped with the lights which the law requires for night riding.

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News briefs

Changes of command

Col. Roderick Gillis relinquishes command of the 2d Operations Group to Col. Todd Westhauser 9 a.m. today at Hoban Hall. A reception follows at the Officer's Club. For more information, call Capt. Provenzano, 456-3039.

Lt. Col. Kelly Lawson takes command of the 49th Test and Evaluation Squadron from Lt. Col. Barry Sebring 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Hangar 1. Dress is uniform of the day for military and casual for civilians. For more information, call Lt. Col. Henry Jenkins, 456-8324 or Susan Hurtle, 456-8811.

Lt. Col. Charles Patnaude relinquishes command of 2d Operations Support Squadron to Lt. Col. Douglas Cox at 10 a.m. June 9 in the Barksdale Club, with a reception to follow. For more information, call 2d Lt. Ryan Busbey, 456-3388.

Lt. Col. Rodney Mason relinquishes command of the 2d Munitions Squadron to Lt. Col. Robert Mason at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hoban Hall, with a reception to follow. For more information, call 2d Lt. Brian Ehrhart at 456-1519.

Lt. Col. Mark Matsushima relinquishes command of the 8th Information Warfare Flight to Lt. Col. Ryan Hatten at 2 p.m. June 9 at the Barksdale Club, with a reception following. For more information, call Capt. Gregory Roberts, 456-7926.

Lt. Col. Thomas Geary assumes command of the 608th Air Intelligence Squadron 3 p.m. Monday in the Barksdale Club. For more information, call 2nd Lt. Mariah Watson, 456-8315.

Retirements

Col. Rene Muhl, 8th Air Force, retires after 27 years of service 3 p.m. today in the Sweeney Conference Room in the 8th AF headquarters building. For more information, call 456-3815.

Maj. Randall Newman, 49th Test and Evaluation Squadron, retires after 21 years of service at 10 a.m. today in the 49th TES conference room. Dress is casual for civilians and uniform of the day for military. For more information, call 456-8154.

Master Sgt. Clinton Walters, 2d Communication Squadron,

retires after 24 years of service at 10 a.m. June 16 in the Dougherty Center. Dress is casual for civilians and uniform of the day for military. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Charles Miller or Tech. Sgt. Sherrie Lindsay at 456-4600.

Lt. Col. Daniel Clevenger, 608th Air Operations Group, retires after 24 years of service at 2 p.m. June 12 in the 917 Wing auditorium. Dress is casual for civilians and uniform of the day for military. For more information, call Lt. Col. David Davies, 456-1671.

Chief Master Sergeant Harley Davison, 2d Bomb Wing Plans and Programs, will retire after 25 years of service at 10 a.m. today at the Dougherty Center. Dress is casual for civilians and uniform of the day for military. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Robert Shows at 456-4307.

Master Sgt. Malcolm Ferrell, 2d Civil Engineer Squadron, retires after 24 years of service at 2 p.m. today in the CE Conference Room. For more information, call 1st Lt. Daniel Werner, 456-6809.

Office closure

The Defense Reutilization Management Office facility is closed until Tuesday.

Airman Picnic

The Air Force Sergeants Association is sponsoring a free Airman Appreciation Picnic from 4-10 p.m. June 10 in the dormitory pavilion. For more information, call Airman 1st Class Michael Cox, 456-0003.

Road construction

Through June 16, Davis Avenue between Spaatz and Shreveport Roads is temporarily closed to north-bound, or outbound traffic, for construction. Outbound traffic traveling to the North Gate on Lindbergh Road will not be able to use Spaatz Road but will continue north on Lindbergh Road and turn left on

Shreveport Road to exit to the North Gate. Inbound traffic at the North Gate will continue to travel south on Davis and around the tennis courts. Signs will be posted to aid drivers during this temporary routing of traffic. Motorists are still encouraged to use another gate for entry during the peak morning periods during the construction period to alleviate the traffic build-up.

Community survey

The Integrated Delivering System working group sponsors 2006's Community Assessment Survey of service members, reservists and spouses. Results of the survey are used by base leadership to target where resources are needed and to enhance the well-being of the Barksdale community. For more information call Chap. (Capt.) Leslie Janovec, 456-2111.

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2D BOMB WING JUDGE ADVOCATE

On May 16, Maj. Paul McNeme pleaded guilty at a Barksdale general court-martial to two specifications of Conduct Unbecoming Officer and a Gentleman under Article 133, Uniform Code of Military Justice.

While on temporary duty at Nellis AFB, Nevada, Major McNeme engaged in a sexually explicit online chat with someone he believed was a 14-yearold girl. He also discussed plans to meet with and have

sex with this girl during their online chat. The person he was really conversing with was an adult from a sting operation, who turned a copy of the chat log over to law enforcement after the incident for investiga-

Major McNeme was convicted and sentenced to a dismissal from the Air Force and three months confinement. A dismissal of an officer is equivalent to a dishonorable discharge for an enlisted member. Major McNeme, who was in the Air Force for 14 years at the time of his court-martial,

Weapons Squadron at Barksdale at the time he committed his offenses. All Barksdale courts-martial are held in the 2d Bomb Wing Legal Office and open to the public. Call 456-2562 to get the dates of upcoming trials.

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Suicides DOD works on reduction

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WASHINGTON — Suicide rates within the military are about half those in the civilian military-aged population, but the Defense Department is reaching out to its members to help further reduce the incidence of suicide within the ranks, a top military doctor said.

The suicide rate for military members during 2005 was 11 per 100,000, said Dr. David Tomberg, deputy assistant secretary of defense for clinical and program policy. That compares to about 19.5 per 100,000, the national average for Americans in the 20- to 64-year age group. Experts say this rate may actually be 40 percent or 50 percent higher than reported, Dr. Tomberg said.

"We have substantially fewer suicides in the services," he said. Yet the in-depth investigations into every military death and the publicity associated with military suicides often give the American public the opposite impression, he said.

In fact, the suicide rate within the military has remained "remarkably steady" over the past decade through peacetime and war, Dr. Tornberg said.

While there is no indication that combut deployments increase the likelihood of suicide, Dr. Tomberg said it is clear that they add yet another stressor to the troops.

"There's a procipitating reason for every suicide," he said.
"And in general, it is a response to some life event that has dire consequences to the individual at the time. During high-stress situations such as deployments, relationship, financial and other problems may worsen."

Another contributing factor may be the ready availability of weapons.

DOD has long recognized military service as a high-stress occupation and offers a full array of programs to help servicemembers cope with that stress.

"Ours is high-stress work, and we recognize that and have realby robust programs in place for addressing this issue," Dr. Tomberg said. "The way we see it, one single loss of life is a problem."

The key is making mental health services more available, nemoving the stigms often associated with seeking care, and teaching troops to recognize when they or a fellow servicemember may need help.

Each of the services has its own saicide prevention program tailored to its force. But despite subtle differences, all the programs make mental health support and suicide prevention available to servicemembers before, during and after deployment.

Medical screenings that include mental health factors, given before and after deployments, help identify people in distress. During deployments, mental health support teams and chaplains provide support. Unit leaders are trained to recognize telltale signs and steer their troops to the services they need.

Servicementhers often form the first line of defense. When they're concerned that a buddy's in trouble, Dr. Toenberg advises the direct approach.

"If you see someone undergoing difficulties in this area, ask them if they are considering taking their life and encourage them to seek counseling and assistance," he said.

If that doesn't work, the dector urges people to go to their unit leaders, chaplains or mental health professionals with their concerns.

"If there's a concern about solicide, we encourage them not to keep that confidential until after the fact," he said.

Much of DOD's suicide-prevention effort is directed at educating servicemembers to recognize when they nord help and where to go to get it.

"We strive to train our servicemembers about risk factors for suicide and the warning signs, and to encourage them to seek help if they're in a stressful situation," Dr. Tornberg said.

Troops returning from deployments go through a reintegration process that includes briefings about difficulties they may encounter roentering society and communicating with their families and friends. They receive warnings about the dangers of abusing alcehol, a factor often associated with suicide.

With the wide availability of mental health services, one of DOD's big challenges is getting people to take advantage of them.

Although there's less resistance now than in the past tosocking help, "we can't ignore the fact that broadly in society there's still a stigma associated with mental health concerns and socking help," Dr. Tomberg said, "And we are working actively through our leadership to try tobreak those barriers down."



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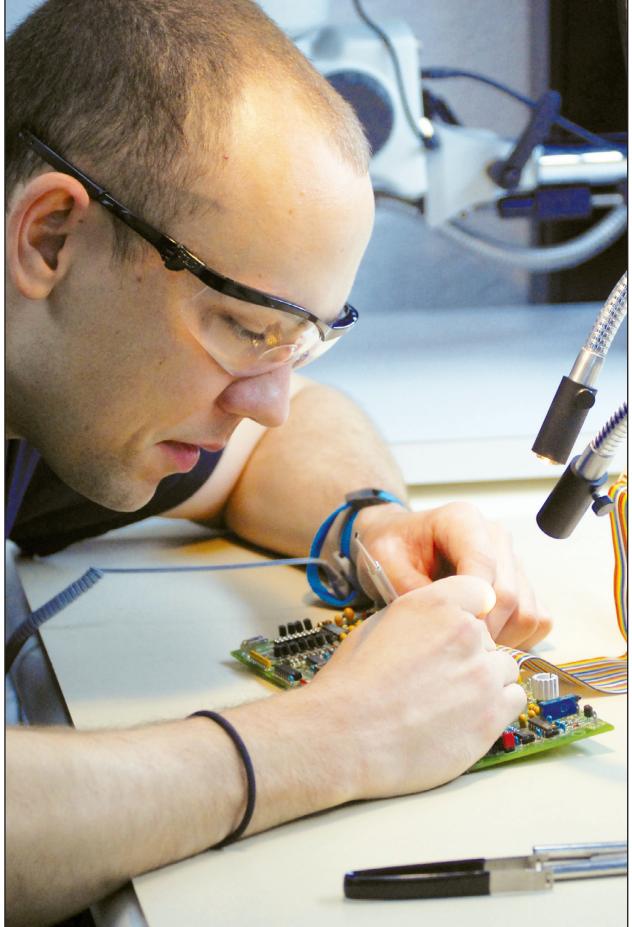
Honoring Veterans on Memorial Day

Barksdale Top Three members 2d Bomb Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Dwayno Mohr, and Master Sgts. Stephen Robicheaux and Comell Johnson pay a visit to John Crider, an Army veteran, at the Veteran's Hospital May 25 in honor of Memorial Day.

10 The Bombardier Feature

Sharks in the water:

Quality assurance staff ensures checks, balances



Sergeant Sears repairs a damaged circuit card from a crane's safety system from the 2d Civil Engineer Squadron.

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
SENIOR AIRMAN SARAH STEGMAN
THE BOMBARDIER

The 2d Maintenance Group's quality assurance staff spearheads three diverse but complementary functions that ensure the highest quality of maintenance production and equipment reliability is met.

The QA staff consists of the inspection section, product improvement program and repair enhancement program.

As soon as a quality assurance inspector sets foot into a maintenance shop on base, the phrase "Shark's in the water" is sure to follow. The catchphrase ensures everyone in the shop knows an inspection is about to happen.

"Random inspections are indicators of how maintenance is being done across the board," said Master Sgt. Lisa Clark, chief quality assurance inspector. "If the maintenance is substandard, every necessary step is taken to ensure the defiecency is fixed and brought up to standard."

Quality assurance's role is to assess personnel proficiency, equipment and aircraft condition and to evaluate and manage programs that increase the reliability and maintainability of the B-52. QA, along with group leadership are also responsible for flight safety, equipment operation safety and quality maintenance production.

On Barksdale, more than 2,400 people and 250 management programs are subject to inspection every day including weekends and holidays – day or night. Last month alone, 20 to 30 inspections were done each day. All areas of maintenance are inspect-

ed including munitions, avionics, electronics, engines, hydraulics along with training hazardous waste and safety programs.

One type of inspection, a personal evaluation, is an over the shoulder evaluation of personnel actually performing their job. This evaluation documents job proficiency, degree of training and complaiance with technical data.

"Sometimes the lack of experience is an issue, but the inspections are there to help make sure every avenue of good maintenance is achieved," said Tech. Sgt. Thomas Harrison, quality assurance inspector.

The quality assurance staff evaluates the quality of maintenance accomplished in the maintenance organization and performs the necessary function toward managing the group's Maintenance Standardization and Evaluation Program.

"People's lives depend on the highest level of maintenance and equipment reliability," Sergeant Harrison said.

Quality assurance personnel aren't an extension of the work force, meaning they can only inspect and evaluate some one doing it.

"When we were maintainers out in the shop, we understood that the mission has to be done, done right, and it had to be done with a sense of urgency," Sergeant Harrison said. "We've been there and done that for years."

"Now that we're on the other (inspection) side, and it's our job to make sure everything's done by the book, that the people know what they are doing and that they are doing it safely. We are the checks and balances system."

The 25 inspectors assigned to QA are all subject to deploy with units to observe maintainers in a deployed atmosphere.

The second division in the quality assurance flight is product improvement.

This section works with the supply squadron and product manufacturers when the base receieves a part or piece of equipment that's deemed unserviceable straight from the depots.

"If the parts we receive don't meet Air Force standards, it's the product improvement manager's priority to either get the money spent on the part back or to get a replacement," said Senior Master Sgt. Antonio Aviles, quality assurance chief.

The third area of the quality assurance flight is the Air Force Repair Enhancement Program, or AFREP.

"When a piece of equipment breaks down on base, whether it be a piece of safety from civil engineering or a printer from a commander's support staff, it's brought to us so we can fix it instead of having the Air Force pay replacement costs," said Staff Sgt. Jason Baldwin, contracting officer technician representative.

This group of hand-picked, highly qualified Airmen are from many career fields, which allows more things to be repaired.

"AFREP helps increase the wing's self-sufficiency and mission effectiveness by locally repairing consumable items," Sergeant Baldwin explained.

Last quarter, by repairing or refurbishing broken items, the shop single-handedly saved the wing \$279,200, which the base ends up being able to



Tech. Sgt. Eric Jones, 2d Maintenance Group, inspects a generator on the flightline.

spend on top of its annual budget.

One of the items repaired in house are B-52 cowling J-Latches, which costs about \$15. If a new J-Latch had to be bought, it would cost more than \$1,800. Another item repaired is night-vision goggles used by security forces. Each repair saves the squadron more than \$3,500.

"Other items that can be repaired in house are office equipment like xray machines, printers, copiers and shredders," said Sergeant Baldwin.

"Our shop is unique in the fact that our entire fiscal year budget is based on how much money we save Barksdale," said Staff Sgt. Damien Sears, a circuit care repair technician. "The money generated from the savings the year before stays in our shop for our supplies, office equipment and even our furniture."



Airman 1st Class Chris Forhand, 2d Maintenance Squadron, left, has his tools inspected by Staff Sgt. Charles Scott, the newest quality assurance inspector on base.



Senior Airman Daniel Knapp, 2d MXS, looks on as Sergeant Harrison evaluates a jackscrew bushing he repaired.

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BOSC scholarships: 8 family members awarded

BY SENIOR AIRMAN SARAH STEGMAN THE BOMBARDIER

Eight college-bound students were awarded scholarships at a May 16 reception hosted by Barksdale's Officers Spouses Club at the Barksdale Club.

One of the eight students received the Gerry Lyons Memorial Scholarship, which is funded by Albert Lyons in memory of his late wife, Lt. Col. Gerry Lyons. She was assigned to Barksdale as an operating room nurse.

The other seven students received \$1,000 BOSC scholarships.

"The scholarship money comes primarily from our thrift shop profits," said Lynae Cox, BOSC President and scholarship chairperson. "We also raised money throughout the year from cookbook sales and donations."

The spouse's club scholarships are available to military dependents in their senior year of high school and to spouses pursuing their undergraduate degree.

The Gerry Lyons Memorial scholarship was awarded to Michael Kim who's a senior at Airline High. He plans to attend Texas A&M University, majoring in aerospace engineering. His parents are Capt. Steve and Licia

Kim, 2d Operation Support Squadron.

The \$1,000 BOSC scholarship recipients are:

Alexandra Clontz, Parkway High, plans to major in biological sciences at Louisiana State University. Her parents are Senior Master Sgt. Robert and Clorlotta Clontz, 2d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

Elizabeth James, Caddo Magnet High, plans to major in economics and public policy at Rice University. Her parents are retired Col. Walter James and Deane Wallace-James.

Jae Woong Kim, Bossier High, plans to major in dentistry at the University of TexasAustin. His parents are Master Sgt. Robert and OkHee Hosford, 2d Civil Engineer Squadron.

Patrick Curby-Lucier, Loyola College Prep, plans to major in civil engineering at Texas A&M University. His parents are Lt. Col. Thomas and Michelle Curby-Lucier, 8th Air Force.

Brandy McCain is majoring in nursing at Southern Arkansas University. Her husband is Staff Sgt. Richard McCain, 2d Dental Squadron.

Caroline Putnum, Captain Shreve High, plans to major in advertising at the University of Texas-Austin. Her mother is retired Senior Master Sgt. Anna Putnum. Meredith Tippett, Bossier High, plans to major in pre-medicine at Centenary College. Her parents are retired Master Sgt. Phil and Wrenn Tippett.



Caroline Putnum



Michael Kim



Elizabeth James



Patrick Curby-Lucier



Brandy McCain



Meredith Tippett



Alexandra Clontz



Jae Woong Kim

Cajun Warrior Attitude

Catch it!

Family: Wife and Son

Hometown: San Antonio, Texas

Unit: 2d Maintenance Group

Job title: Quality Assurance Inspector, Jet specialist

Job description: To evaluate and ensure high quality maintenance is accomplished across the maintenance group

Most rewarding job aspect: Finding causes of maintenance problems and making recommendations to supervisors and maintenance leaders

Goals: To retire as a chief master sergeant

Hobbies: Spending time with my family, lifting weights and reading.

Favorite TV show: Nip,

Favorite band: Maze

Favorite movie: Love Jones

Favorite sports teams: Dallas Cowboys and San Antonio Spurs

Favorite book: Never Mind Success...Go for Greatness

Best day of my life: I try to make everyday the best day of my life

Favorite dish: Lasagna

I'm proudest of: My wife for all she has accomplished in the last two years with school and work

Person I admire the most: My mother

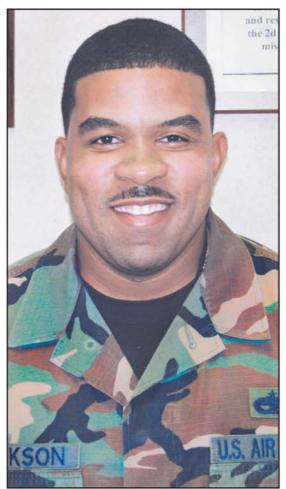
My pet peeve: People who think and say, "At my last base we did this" By best asset is: My ability to get along with people

Most influential person in the Air Force and why: Chief Master Sgt. Alfred Smith because he always pushed me to do more and to think outside the box

What motivates my winning attitude: Knowing that I can make a difference out there in the maintenance realm

What I like the most about Barksdale: The location of the base and the people I have met since I've been here

If I could change anything about Barksdale, it would be: To open up the old gym next to base operations so that people on the flight line would have a place to work-out.



Tech. Sgt. Ronald Jackson

Use the wingman system a plan to avoid driving after drinking.

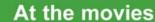
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Web site at www.aafes.com. Movies are subject to change without notice.

Admission: Adults \$3.50, children \$1.75

(Information and photos courtesy of www.movieweb.com)

"The Sentinel"

Rated: PG-13

Playing: 7 p.m. today Run time: 108 minutes

Cast: Michael Douglas, Kiefer Sutherland

Synopsis: Pete Garrison is the most decorated agent in the history of the Secret Service – the president's last line of defense. But now, wrongly suspected of targeting the president for assassination, Garrison has become the Service's worst nightmare. As he uses his formidable skills to try and prove his innocence and find the real assassin, Garrison is tracked by his equally adept former protegee.



"The Wild"

Rated: PG-13

Playing: 2 p.m. Saturday Run time: 85 minutes

Cast: Kiefer Sutherland, Eddie Izzard

Synopsis: In this computer-animated comedy-adventure, an assortment of animals from the New York Zoo – including a lion, a giraffe, an anaconda, a koala and a squirrel – discover what a jungle the city can be when one of their own is mistakenly shipped to the wild and they embark on a dangerous mission to rescue him.



"Scary Movie: 4"

Rated: PG-13

Playing: 7 p.m. Saturday, Sunday

Run time: 83 minutes

Cast: Molly Shannon, Anna Faris

Synopsis: The Scary Movie gang is back with send-ups of "War of the Worlds," "The Grudge," "The Village," "Saw" and "Saw II," "Million Dollar Baby" and much more. Legendary comedy director David Zucker ("Airplane!," the "Naked Gun" franchise, "Scary Movie 3" and "Ruthless People") and producer Bob Weiss reunite to take aim at some of the best fright films, the latest box office hits, music, current events, pop culture and your favorite celebrities.



Chapel

Chapel One — 275 Barksdale Blvd. E., 456-2111 **Chapel Two** — 724 Douhet Dr., 456-2466

Catholic services

Daily Mass, 11:35 a.m., Monday-Thursday, Chapel One Confession, 4:30 p.m., Saturday, Chapel Two Mass, 5:30 p.m., Saturday, Chapel Two Mass, 9 a.m., Sunday, Chapel Two Mass, 11:30 a.m., Sunday, Chapel One

Protestant services

Liturgical communion service, 9 a.m., Sunday, Chapel One Community worship service, 10:30 a.m., Sunday, Chapel Two Inspirational gospel worship service, noon, Sunday, Chapel Two

Islamic services

Prayer services, 1:30 p.m. Friday, Masjid Noor, 1000 Delhi Road, Bossier City. For more information, call 675-0405.



Sports shorts

Family fun run

A free family run is June 9 at the fitness center. The event consists of short runs from a quarter mile to 5-kilometer depending on age. The youth center presents awards for the youth and parent categories.

The fitness center awards t-shirts for the first 50 to finish the 5K. Hotdogs are available following the event. Register by Tuesday to participate.

For more information, call 456-4135.

3-D Archery

A 3-D archery tournament takes place June 25. Cost is \$25 for professionals, \$10 for non-members, \$5 for members, youth & cubs and free for peewees.

Participants without base privileges must register by Monday before the event. IBO scoring of 12-10-8 with one arrow 10/40 practice range.

For more information, call 456-7765 or email outdoorrecreation@barksdaleservices.com.

LOA golf tournament

The Logistics Officer Association is holding a golf tournament June 16. Tee time is 1 p.m. at Fox Run Golf Course, and the cost is \$15 plus green fees. The tournament will is a fundraiser for the LOA Enlisted Scholarship fund. For more information, call Jeff Provenzano, 453-5429.

East side walk

Families are invited to walk for enjoyment and fitness in a Walk the East Side Trails event 9 a.m. June 9.

The first 100 participants receive medallions. Refreshments are served following the event.

Directions to the trails are available at the fitness center and out-door recreation. For more information, call 456-4135.

Judo classes

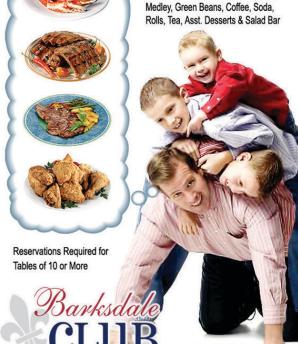
Free judo classes with Sensei Duffield are available for youth ages 5-12 6-7 p.m.

Classes for ages 13 and older is 7-8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the fitness center. For more information, call 456-4135.

\$1595 ADULTS \$995 12-17 YRS.

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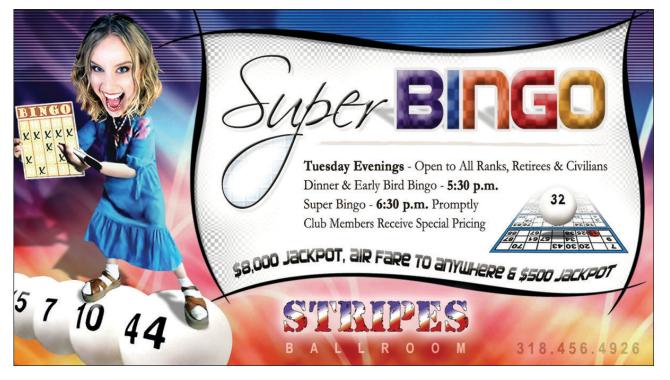


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Write and submit an essay of **500 words or less** on the topic: "Proud to be an American" to the SVS Commander/division chief by July 14.

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SERVICES EVENTS





Event Highlights

First Friday Luau

Stop by Hangar II tonight from 5-9 p.m. for the Commander's First Friday Luau.

See page B

Golf Course Construction

The construction for the new parking lot and entrance road begins mid June.

See page C

Swimming Lessons

Register for Session 3 & 4 swimming lessons at the West Pool during open swim hours.

See page D

Red River Birthday Meal

Red River is hosting a Birthday Meal for those born Apr-Jun on June 22 at 5 p.m.

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Stars & Strikes Program

The Stars & Strikes program is going on now until July 31. See page E

Family Fun Run/Walk

A family fun run takes place at the Fitness Center on June 9 at 9 a.m. See page F

Teen Six Flags Trip

Teens are invited to take a trip to Six Flags on June 24. See page G

Father's Day Brunch

The Barksdale Club is serving up a special Father's Day Brunch on June 18 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. See page H



Barksdale Clubs · 456-4926

Super Bingo - \$8,000 Jackpot

Super Bingo is on Tuesdays in the Ballroom at Stripes Enlisted Lounge. It features 10 cash games and 2 progressive jackpots including a cash jackpot and air fare to anywhere. Try your luck this Tuesday! You can't win if you don't play! The buffet starts at 5:30 p.m. and games begin at 6 p.m. Call the Barksdale Club at 456-4926 for details.

Commander's First Friday Luau

Stop by the Hangar II tonight from 5-9 p.m. for the Commander's Luau. Enjoy drink specials, a Hawaiian buffet and prizes for the best Hawaiian outfit! Call 456-4926 to learn more.

Retiree Appreciation Night

The Barksdale Club is hosting a Retiree Appreciation Night on June 16. The club has no regular dining for that evening. Call 456-4926 to place a reser-

Great Food and Daily Specials at the Barksdale Club

The Barksdale Club serves up great food and a variety of specials daily. A brand new dining and wine menu as well as the new breakfast buffet are just a couple of the perks the club has to offer. Breakfast buffet is available Monday-Friday from 6:30-9 a.m. Members eat for \$4.95, non-members for \$5.95 and youth under 12 are half price. During the month of June, enjoy the 2-for-1 breakfast buffet on Wednesdays. In addition, members are invited to enjoy the 2-for-1 lunch buffet for only \$6.95 every Monday at the Barksdale Club. Prime selections of seafood will be available for lunch each Tuesday on the buffet at the Barksdale Club for only \$6.95 for members. Join



us on Thursdays for all you can eat steak lunch from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Members eat for only \$6.95. Friday May 12 & 19, stop by the club to enjoy 6 oz. filet and lobster tail. Members eat for \$16.95. To receive more information, call the Barksdale Club at 456-4926.



Barksdale CLUB

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Mission Support Grp: June 6, 16, 28; 8th AF: June 7, 19, 29; 2d Bomb Wing Staff: June 8, 20, 30; 2d Ops Group: June 9, 21; 2d Med Group: June 12, 22; 917th: June 1, 13, 23; Associated Units: June 2, 14, 26; 2d Maintenance: June 5, 15, 27

FOR MEMBERS EVERY WEDNESDAY IN JUNE

BREAKFAST SERVED MONDAY - FRIDAY 6:30 - 9 A.M

TOAST, PANCAKES, HASH BROWNS, GRITS, SAUSAGE PATTIES, SAUSAGE LINKS, BACON, SLICED HAM, BISCUITS, SAUSAGE GRAVY, MELTED BUTTER, SYRUP, CEREAL, ORANGE JUICE, APPLE JUICE, GRAPEFRUIT

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Father's Day Brunch

Treat Dad to a special brunch this Father's Day at the Barksdale Club from 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. Cost is \$15.95 for adults, \$9.95 for youth ages 12-17, \$5.95 for youth ages 6-11 and free for children under 6. Non-members adults cost an additional \$4. Reservations are required for parties of 10 or more.

Hold'em Card Tournament

The Hold'em Card Tournament and buffet takes place in the Stripes Ballroom on June 23 at 5:30 p.m. Buffet packages cost \$10 for members and \$12 for nonmembers. After eating, members are invited to participate in a Hold'em Card Tournament for free. Non-members are invited to play for \$8 admission. Advanced reservations are taken with payment.

Latin Night at Stripes

Stop by Stripes on June 16 from 5-11 p.m. for Latin Night. Enjoy salsa dancing contest, games and great food.

Stripes Donations & Mug Club

Patrons are invited to to participate in the new mug club program at Stripes. In addition, patrons are invited to donate hats, old BDU name tags and sports jerseys to be displayed on the lounge wall. Persons who donate receive a drink on the house. The kick off event for both the mug club and the donations takes place on June 23 from 4-9 p.m. at Stripes Lounge.

Blue Star Program

The Blue Star program provides First USA Military Cardmembers a rebate of finance charges during their deployment or service in a military campaign. In addition, the Soldiers an Sailors Civil Relief Act of 1940 (SSCRA) provides special benefits such as a reduced APR of 6% to service members called to active duty or in active duty service in the military. For eligibility requirements, detailed documentation requirements and submission information, log on to www.barksdaleservices.com/barksdaleclub.htm.

Friday, June 2, 2006 Arts & Crafts • 456-3140 Tickets & Tours • 456-1866

Classes for the Creative

SERVICES EVENTS

Woodworking, framing, scrapbooking, crocheting and kids' art classes are available through the Arts & Crafts Center. Call 456-3140 for details.

Auto Detailing Available

Auto detailing services are available Tuesday through Saturday from 8 a.m. -5 p.m. at the Auto Craft Shop. Call the Auto Craft Shop at 456-4695 or log on to www.barksdaleservices.com for detailing packages.

Virtual Lemon Lot

Sell your vehicle online! Cost is \$10 per month and includes two photos, a short description and a contact number on the Barksdale Services website. Call 456-4695 for details.

Teen Car Maintenance Class

A teen car maintenance class takes place on June 20 at 5 p.m. at the Auto Craft Shop. Learn auto safety, when to get expert maintenance and more. Cost is \$10 per person. Call 456-4695 for details.

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June 3 • 8:30am

Trip to Bayou Pierre Alligator

Park in Natchitoches and the

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Cake Decorating Classes

Cake decorating classes are available at the Arts & Crafts Center. The class information and pricing are as follows:

- June 7, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Prep Class (\$10/person) - Learn how to prepare a cake & pans including pan coating, batter mixing and more.
- June 14, 5-7:30 p.m. Getting Started (\$25/person) - Learn how to level a cake, properly cut a cake and proper icing techniques. Items needed: Cake, frosting, décor. Bags, icing tip (789), couplers, small & large spatula, turn table, paring knife, pen & paper.
- June 21, 5-7:30 p.m. Tipping Off (\$25/person) - Learn how to create borders & trims on cakes. with an assortment of styles such as pearls, shells, beads, ruffles, scallop, & cornelli lace. Items needed: tips, couplers, décor. Bags, icing, pen & paper, cake optional.
- June 28, 5-7:30 p.m. Budding Roses (\$25/person) - Learn how to make flowers roses, stems, & leaves with icing. Items needed: tips, couplers, décor bags, icing, food coloring, pen, paper, cake optional.

Plantation & Festival Trip

Over 120 craftsmen will gather at the Historic Melrose Plantation Natchitoches on June 10. Browse through hundreds of handcrafted items from over 150 of juried booths. Cost is \$17 for adults and \$14 for youth. ITT offers an optional tour of the Melrose Plantation's Main House and the African House for an additional \$5. The group departs at 7 a.m. and returns at 7 p.m.

Teen Six Flags Trip

Teens are invited to take a trip to Six Flags Over Texas on June 24. At least two adults will accompany the teens. Parents are welcomed to join in the fun. Cost is \$44 per person (excludes lunch). The group departs 7 a.m. and returns at approximately 8 p.m.

Teen Hurricane Harbor Trip Teens and their family members are invited to take a trip to Six Flags waterpark, Hurricane Harbor on July 8. Participants are encouraged to bring a few towels, sunscreen and sunglasses for this wet and fun adventure. Cost is \$35 per person. The tour departs from the Arts & Crafts Center at 8 a.m. and returns at approximately 9 p.m. Lunch is not included in the trip cost. Call 456-1866 to book this trip.

Back To School Shopping

Shop for unique and trendy school clothes on the Back to School Shopping trip to Dallas on July 22. Cost \$12 per person. The tour departs the Arts & Crafts Center at 7 a.m. and returns at 9 p.m. Call 456-1866 to book this trip.

Travel Identification Bracelets for Children/Youth

Keep children safe while traveling on vacation, relaxing by the pool or even shopping in the mall with a travel ID bracelet. Travel ID bracelet packets are available at ITT for \$12. The packet includes 10 identification bracelets, 10 water resistant tags, permanent ink pen, knife/letter opener and reusable bag.



June portrait special 50% off patriotic settings & all images on CD available through Arts & Crafts 456-3140





Fitness Center • 456-4135

Free Judo Classes

Free Judo classes with Sensei Duffield are available at the Fitness Center every Tue and Thu. Classes for youth ages 5-12 is from 6-7 p.m. and classes for ages 13 and older is from 7-8 p.m. Call 456-4135 for details.

Family Fun Run for All Ages

Participate in a Family Run on June 9 at the Fitness Center at 9 a.m. The event is free of charge and consists of short runs from ½ mile to 5K depending on age. The Youth Center presents awards for the youth parent category. The Fitness Center awards t-shirts for the first 50 to finish the 5K. Hot dogs are served following the event. Register by June 6 to participate. Call the Fitness Center at 456-4135 for more information

Aerobithon in July

The Fitness Center is holding an Aerobithon on July 15 at 9 a.m. The session times are 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and 12 p.m. One door prize per session is awarded. Call the Fitness Center at 456-4135 for more information

Prenatal/Postpartum Class

Mommy & Me PT & Baby Boot Camp are prenatal and postnatal fitness programs for woman who are pregnant or 6 wks.-12 mos. post-



partum (with doctor's permission). Classes are held each Tue, Thu and Fri at the Fitness Center from 12–1 p.m.

During Pregnancy: Exercise does wonders for the body during pregnancy. It helps prepare mothers for childbirth by strengthening muscles and building endurance, and makes getting back in shape once the baby's born much easier.

Postpartum: Exercising either alone or with the baby can help get the body back on track after giving birth. It can also help prevent the postpartum blues by releasing essential hormones. With a new baby, finding time to exercise is difficult but not impossible as long as mothers make it a priority.

11am-12pm body sculpting Kathryn

6-7pm: Juniors 7-8:30pm: Adult RODORAN JUDO

6:15-7:15pm body sculpting

12-1pm 12-1pm mommy & me/ mommy & me/

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Martial Arts Classes

Martial Arts classes are available at the Youth Center. Tai Chi classes are held on Mondays from 11:15 a.m.-12 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 11:15 a.m.-12 p.m. and from 6-6:45 p.m. Wing Chun classes are held on Mondays from 12-12:45 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 12-12:45 p.m. and from 6:45-7:30 p.m. Ten class punch cards cost \$75. Additional family members receive a \$10 discount. Contact Mr. McWhorter by phone at 572-255 or by email at LAkungfu@cox.net for more information.

Preschool Registration

at the Part Day Enrichment Center. Children ages 3-4 are eligible. Children must be 3 prior to September 30, 2006. Registration is daily from 1-3 p.m. Call 456-3776 for details.

Watertown Adventure

Youth ages 9-18 are invited to attend Watertown on June 23 from 5-8 p.m. for an afternoon of fun. Cost is \$6 for members and \$7 for non-members. Transportation is provided. Sign up at the Youth Center by June 16 to participate

Youth Splash Party

Youth ages 9-18 are invited to attend a Splash Party on June 17 from 7-10 p.m. at the West Pool. Cost is \$2 for members and \$3 for non-members. Call the Youth Center at 456-3448 for details.

Missoula Theatre Auditions

The Missoula Theatre camp takes place Preschool registration is underway
Jul 31-Aug 4. Auditions are scheduled for Jul 31 at 9 a.m. Youth who completed grades K-12 are eligible. The Missoula Theatre's performance of Rumplestiltskin takes place Aug 4 at 7 p.m. at Stripes. Call 456-3448 to learn more.





Library • 456-4101



Summer Reading Program

Program Kicks Off **June 6** - Register Today at the Library Youth receive a calendar with all the program information when they sign up!

Barksdale Base LiBrary - 318.456.4101

Fox Run Golf Course • 456-2263

North Louisiana Championship

The Northern Louisiana Individual Net Championship and Club Team Champion-ship takes place June 10-11 at Northwood Hills. The 36 hole, stroke play event with full handicap is open to all Louisiana Golf Association member clubs. Entry forms are available at the Golf Course near the handicap computer. Cost is \$80 per person. Registration closes when a full field is reached or at 5 p.m. on June 4.

Annual Youth Golf Program New Tee Boxes Open for Play Parkway High's Victory

Over 50 future golfers participating in this year's youth golf program are scheduled to utilize the driving range on June 12, 14, 16, 19 and 21 from 8- and leveling process, the Golf Course 10:30 a.m. The Golf Course close parasks that golfers refrain from using the tially on the morning of June 26 for the youth to practice on the course. Persons interested in volunteering with the clinics and/or golf outing are invited to contact the Golf Course. Call 456-2263 for more information

The newly expanded tee boxes on holes one and ten are now open for play. Due to the continuous growing tee box for practice purposes. It creates divots on the tee box and ball marks on the green. The Golf Course appreciates your cooperation and understanding as they continue to improve the course. Call 456-2263 to learn more.

Congratulations are in order for the Parkway High School golf team taking home their second consecutive Louisiana Class 4A High School Golf Championship title. The Golf Course's very own Mike Meredith served as their golf instructor and led their team to victory! Mike, along with John Thames, are available for one on one basic instruction to improve any golfer's game. Call 456-2263 to learn more or schedule a session.







3-D Archery Tournaments

3-D Archery tournaments are schedaled for June 25, July 23, August 27 and September 24. Professionals participate for only \$25, non-members for \$10, members, youth & cubs for \$5 and peewees participate for free.

Saturday Open Paintball

Paintball is offered every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Clear Lake Park's new field. Cost is \$12 per person and will permit participants to play all day. No sign ups are necessary. Ask about our unit fundraiser package! Call 456-7765 or 453-0976 to learn more.

Enjoy Mother Nature

Enjoy Mother Nature without the hassles of traveling. FamCamp is located on the East side and consists of 22 campsites with 30 amp hookups, water and sewer. Primitive/tent camping is \$4 per night, site with all amenities is \$350/month, \$90/week or \$14/day and site with water & sewer is \$275/month, \$70/week or \$11/day. Call 456-7765 or 453-0976 for details



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Equipment Rental will pick up broken four wheelers, ATV's or mowers for repair. They will also deliver the repaired equipment to your door upon completion. The fee is \$10 for deliveries/pick-ups under 15 miles and \$20 for deliveries/pick-ups from 15 to 30 miles away. Call 456-3426 for details.

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Boat Trailer Repair

Before getting your boat out on the water, bring your boat trailer to Equipment Rental to repair the wheel bearings. The shop fee is only \$45 per hour plus parts. Call 456-3426 for details.

Golf Cart Repair

In addition to the many services Equipment Rental has to offer, they also repair gas driven golf carts for \$45 per hour plus parts. Call 456-3426 for more information.

Brand New Equipment

Brand new equipment is available for renting at Equipment Rental. Wood chippers are \$35 per day, brush cutters are \$45 per day, 7'x16' trailers are \$25 per day and riding mowers are \$45 per day and includes trailor. Call 456-3426 for more

Equipment Rental Location

Equipment Rental is located across the street from the Commissary on the right hand side.



Bowling Center • 456-4133





Red River Dining • 456-8068





Contact the Bowling Center at 318.456.4133